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Amongst the dead are 132 journalists and media workers and members of their families and 142 members of the UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency). 70% of the buildings in Gaza have been destroyed or seriously damaged.

This monstrous act of genocide has rightly been condemned worldwide, with huge protests regularly in the global south and in the streets of Israel's allies, including the US, Britain, France, Germany and Australia. At the **UN General Assembly** of 12 December last year, 153 to 10 voted for an "immediate humanitarian ceasefire." 23 abstained. On 26 January, the **International Court of Justice** ruled that Israel



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Netanyahu's 'October 7' pretext for mass murder

On 7 October, Palestinian Hamas resistance launched *Operation Al-Aqsa Flood* and overwhelmed IDF forces on and near the besieged Gaza strip borders. Almost 1,000 IDF were killed. Hamas also captured a number of civilians and military to use as hostages to exchange for Palestinian political prisoners.

The IDF forces had been sent there with orders to kill the Hamas 'terrorists' regardless of the consequences for their Israeli hostages. This is what caused nearly all of the Israeli civilian deaths on that day.

George Galloway, outspoken UK opponent of Israel's genocide, elected

On 29 February, UK voters in Rochdale, rebelled against this genocide by voting for George Galloway in a landslide against pro-war candidates from both the Labour and Conservative Parties. He is now using his voice in Parliament to hold to account the UK government for its complicity in this genocide. Galloway's huge grassroots support means that more like him will likely be elected at the forthcoming UK general election and could lead to a change of government and end UK support for genocide.

Why won't Australia act to make Israel end its killing in Gaza?

Australia still exports weapons and munitions to Israel and lets the US Pine Gap spy base assist the genocide. On 28 February in Parliament, Greens senators David Shoebridge and Jordon Steele-John showed that, contrary to Government denials, Australian weapons-parts exported to Israel enable Israeli F-35s to bomb Gaza civilians. When Parliament resumes on Monday 18 March, we hope these members will put to Parliament all the facts about Australia's complicity in this genocide and not, yet again, be cut short by a gag motion.

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